

REMARKS

The Examiner has required election of a single disclosed invention for prosecution on the merits in this case. The Examiner alleged the existence of three patentably distinct inventions:

- Group I: Claims 1-70 and 79-101, drawn to a method of manufacturing an electron beam device and an image forming apparatus, classified in class 445, subclass 24;
- Group II: Claims 71-74, drawn to a method of manufacturing a plate type image forming apparatus, classified in class 445, subclass 3; and
- Group III: Claims 75-78, drawn to a device for manufacturing plate type image forming apparatus, classified in class 445, subclass 63.

Further, if Group I is elected, the Examiner has required selection of one of the following five species:

- Species 1: Claims 1-26 and 79-101;
- Species 2: Claims 27-29;
- Species 3: Claims 30-41;
- Species 4: Claims 42-62; and
- Species 5: Claims 63-70.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect Group I, Species 1, with traverse.

Claims 1-26 and 79-101 read on the selected species.

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